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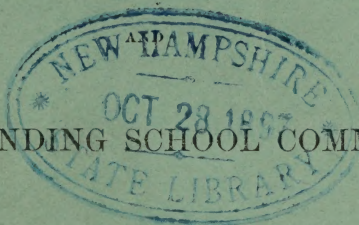
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REPORT.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

The Selectmen and Treasurer charge themselves with

Cash in hands of Treasurer last year,	\$2,228 68
do. do. C. F. Edgerly last year,	370 67
A list of taxes assessed and committed to Caleb F. Edgerly for collection,	8,441 84
State railroad money,	444 56
Savings bank,	57 58
Literary fund,	64 80
Hired of sundry persons;	7,657 00
Received of county for support of paupers,	786 47
Cash received of bank,	104 93
	\$20,156 53

They credit themselves with

Paid State Treasurer State tax,	\$2,556 25
County Treasurer County tax,	1,095 90
roads and bridges,	729 84
breaking roads last year,	73 37
	\$4,455 36

PAID FOR SCHOOLS.

John S. Blaisdell, District No. 1,	\$195 60
William H. Hodgdon, " 2,	106 28
Nathan Smith, " 3,	86 90
Joseph Burley, " 4,	114 55
Daniel E. Gilley, " 5,	161 41
Folsom Dow, " 6,	144 48
Jacob E. Prescott, " 7,	150 83
James S. Robbins, " 8,	237 87
Albert Davis, Lee,	4 50

Total amount paid for schools, \$1,202 42

Paid notes and interest to sundry persons, amounting to the sum of	\$9,730 98
Support of poor not on the farm,	235 90
For supplies at the alms-house,	551 68
Superintendent's salary,	250 00
Non-resident tax,	41 46
	\$10,810 02

SELECTMEN'S SERVICES LAST YEAR.

John H. Prescott,	\$12 25
M. V. Fogg,	10 75
John G. Ordway, as Selectman and Treasurer,	26 65
	\$49 65

John H. Pike, services as Selectman and Overseer of the Poor in and out of town.

1868. March 14, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house,	\$1 00
March 16, filling appointments, constable, superintending school committee, treasurer, filling bonds, &c.,	2 50
23, $\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business,	1 00
24, journey to Concord,	1 75
car fare and expenses,	3 25
25, journey to Newmarket,	2 25
28, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house,	1 00
30, $\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business,	1 00
April 1, $\frac{1}{2}$ day self and horse taking inventory,	1 50
2, attending jury meeting,	50
8, 1 day at town house,	1 75

April 9, 1 day making taxes,	1 75
14, do. do.	1 75
15, do. do.	1 75
16, do. do.	1 75
18, 1 day on town business,	1 75
20, do. do.	1 75
21, returning bank stock, &c.,	1 50
22, 1 day filling surveyors' books,	1 75
25, 1 day filling collector's books, &c.,	1 75
May 14, making return invoice to Secretary of State,	1 75
15, $\frac{1}{2}$ day returning bank stock,	1 00
27, journey to Towles',	1 00
June 10, journey to town farm,	1 00
21, 23, 24, 26, 4 days copying invoice,	7 00
27, $\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business,	1 00
July 30, journey to poor farm,	1 25
Aug. 11, do. do.	1 25
Sept. 23, $\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business,	1 00
28, journey to Towles' about road,	75
Oct. 12, 13, 2 days revising check lists, &c., and making and posting warrants,	3 50
17, journey to poor farm to make county pauper account,	1 50
27, journey to Portsmouth, pauper account allowed, expenses and car fare,	2 00 2 60
31, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house,	1 00
Nov. 3, $\frac{2}{3}$ do. do.	1 50
9, 10, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days proportioning school money and making taxes,	2 75
14, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house,	1 00
23, $\frac{1}{2}$ day do.	1 00
28, $\frac{1}{2}$ day do.	1 00
Dec. 10, journey to Concord to pay state tax, car fare and expenses,	2 00 3 50
21, journey to poor farm,	1 00
25, journey to Newmarket,	3 00
26, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house,	1 00
28, $\frac{1}{2}$ day revising jury box,	1 00
1869. Jan. 16, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house,	1 00
Jan. 18, journey to Newmarket to collect tax,	3 00
20, do. Dover do.	2 00
car fare and expenses,	2 00
25, making and posting warrants for town meeting,	1 50
26, attending jury meeting,	50
30, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house,	1 00

Feb. 10, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house,	1 00
making and preparing pauper account,	75
16, 1 day at town farm and settling with sup't,	2 50
17, 1 day making warrants for town meeting and re- vising cheek list,	1 75
18, 1 day making town reports,	1 75
	\$98 05
John H. Pike, services as treasurer for the year ending March 9, 1869,	\$35 00

Martin V. Fogg, services as Selectman in and out of town and
Overseer of the Poor.

1868 March 12, journey to West Epping to hire sup't,	2 00
March 14, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house,	1 00
16, appointing collector,	1 00
26, journey to Fremont,	3 00
28, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house,	1 00
April 1, 2, 3, 4, 4 days taking inventory,	12 00
8, 9, 2 days at town house,	3 50
14, 15, 16, 3 days at J. H. Pike's,	5 25
17, journey to Exeter on pauper account,	4 00
18, 1 day at J. H. Pike's,	1 75
20, 21, 2 days on town business,	3 50
25, 1 day do.	1 75
27, journey to Trueworthy Hill's,	2 00
May 19, examining bridge,	1 00
23, journey to Northwood,	4 00
July 30, do. Mrs. Thurston's,	1 00
Aug. 15, do. town farm,	1 50
22, do. Raymond,	3 00
Oct. 1, do. Manchester,	3 50
15, do. J. H. Pike's,	1 00
16, examining water-course,	1 50
29, 1 day on town business,	1 75
31, $\frac{1}{2}$ day do.	1 00
Nov. 3, 1 day do.	1 75
14, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house,	1 00
28, $\frac{1}{2}$ day do.	1 00
Dec. 24, journey to Lee on town business,	3 00
26, 1 day on town business,	1 75
28, $\frac{1}{2}$ day do.	1 00

1869. Jan. 6, journey to Newmarket on town business,	3 00
Jan. 9, $\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business,	1 00
17, $\frac{1}{2}$ day do.	1 00
28, journey to J. H. Pike's,	50
29, do. Exeter,	3 00
30, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house,	1 00
Feb. 1, journey to Exeter to settle pauper account,	3 50
6, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house,	1 00
10, $\frac{1}{2}$ day do.	1 00
16, 1 day at alms house,	2 75
	\$88 25

George S. Rundlett, services as Selectman and Overseer of the Poor, in and out of town.

1868. March 14, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house,	1 00
March 16, 1 day making appointments of town officers,	1 75
28, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house,	1 00
April 1, 1 day self and horse taking inventory,	3 00
2, attending jury meeting,	50
3, 1 day self and horse taking inventory,	3 00
4, do. do. do.	3 00
8, 1 day at town house,	1 75
9, do. filling invoice,	1 75
10, journey to West Epping and other town business,	2 00
14, 1 day in session at J. H. Pike's,	1 75
15, do. do.	1 75
16, 1 day filling invoice,	1 75
18, 1 day making taxes,	1 75
20, do.	1 75
21, 1 day filling surveyors' warrants,	1 75
22, do. do.	1 75
23, enrolling militia and returning same,	2 50
25, 1 day at J. H. Pike's filling collector's book, &c.,	1 75
27, journey to T. D. Hill's,	1 00
29, distributing surveyors' warrants,	3 00
May 14, 1 day making return inventory to Sec. of State,	1 75
June 23, 1 day copying invoice,	1 75
26, do. do.	1 75
Sept. 23, journey to Towles',	75
Oct. 13, 1 day making check list,	1 75
14, journey to M. V. Fogg's and other business,	2 00

Nov. 9, 1 day making school taxes,	1 75
11, 1 day on town business,	1 75
14, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house,	1 00
18, do. do.	1 00
Dec. 26, do. do.	1 00
28, $\frac{1}{2}$ day jury box,	1 00
1869. Jan. 16, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house,	1 00
Jan. 23, do. do.	1 00
Feb. 6, do. do.	1 00
16, 1 day at town farm,	1 75
17, 1 day at John H. Pike's,	1 75
	\$63 00

ABATEMENTS.

Sundry abatements for the year 1867,	\$54 48
do. do. do. 1868,	98 68

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid for stamps and stationery,	\$17 60
Auditors, for Auditing accounts,	8 00
George W. Kendall, services as constable,	3 00
Frank E. Bean, do. do.	3 00
Joseph Garland, do. do.	3 00
R. F. Emerson, do. do.	2 00
Attorney's fee,	22 00
Execution, John Dow vs. Town of Epping,	113 79
Expenses of Selectmen last year,	44 00
C. F. Edgerly, collecting taxes,	86 71
B. W. Sanborn & Co., for record books,	30 00
Campbell & Hanscom. printing town reports,	40 00
Damage to sheep by dogs, 1867-8,	45 00
Jonathan Bartlett, services Town Clerk,	35 00
Damage to clothing, small pox,	31 45
Superintending School Committee, 1867-8,	14 69
Repairs on Town House,	3 00
do. Pound,	5 00
Reform School, Mary E. Bly,	13 00
Cash in hands C. F. Edgerly, collector,	270 60
do. J. H. Pike, treasurer,	2,310 28
	\$20,156 53

The Selectmen, last year, (according to their report) paid notes and interest to sundry persons, amounting to	\$12,329 18
Hired money of sundry persons,	11,482 01

Amount paid towards town debt last year,	\$847 17
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The Selectmen, this year, paid notes and interest to sundry persons, amounting to	\$9,730 98
Hired of sundry persons,	7,657 00

Amount paid towards town debt this year,	\$2,073 98
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JOHN H. PIKE,	} Selectmen
MARTIN V. FOGG,	
GEO. S. RUNDLETT,	
	of Epping.

POOR FARM ACCOUNT.

Amount of produce raised on the farm for the year 1868 is as follows:

25 tons hay, 7 pigs, 4 calves, 8 lambs, 12 bush. beans, 226 bush. potatoes, 87 bush corn, 5 bbls. cider, 35 bbls. apples, 5 bush. oats, 896 lbs. pork, 493 lbs. beef, 40 lbs. tallow, 36½ lbs. wool, 47 lbs. lamb, 113½ lbs. poultry, 312 lbs. cheese, 227 lbs. butter, 62 lbs. dried apples.

INVOICE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

As taken by the Selectmen of Epping, Feb. 16, 1869, and belonging to the town farm.

13 tons hay, corn fodder, &c.,	\$199 00
Stock,	762 00
Grain,	44 30
3 shoats,	50 00
11 bush. beans,	38 50
Beef, pork, cheese, butter, lard and ham,	191 00
150 bush. potatoes,	130 00
Other produce amounting,	90 18
Hens and turkeys,	12 00
Carriages, farming tools and household furniture,	560 08
	\$2,077 06

TOWN OF EPPING TO GEO. H. GOTHAM, DR.

To cash paid for supplies and labor at the Alms House, from Feb. 14, 1868, to Feb. 16, 1869.

1869, Feb. 11.		2 bags salt,	6 00
10 bbls. flour,	138 00	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. nutmegs,	45
46 bags meal and corn,	127 80	Paid for car fare, expenses	
30 galls. molasses,	21 63	hunting after horse stolen,	7 70
77 lbs. sugar.	13 20	1 hay cutter,	4 00
17 lbs. tea,	20 18	2 plow points,	1 60
4 lbs. coffee,	62	1 hoe,	83
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. pepper and spice,	1 45	2 boxes soap,	30
1 lb. cr. tartar,	80	6 papers garden seed,	20
117 lbs. salt pork,	22 89	$\frac{1}{2}$ ton hay,	8 00
59 lbs. salt beef,	11 22	16 bolts,	64
253 lbs. fresh beef,	31 97	3 school books,	90
24 lbs. halibut,	1 68	4 caps,	2 00
61 lbs. tongues and sounds,	6 00	4 bush. potatoes,	3 00
172 lbs. salt fish,	9 26	3 bed cords,	1 80
54 lbs. fresh fish,	1 62	1 bean pot,	28
71 lbs. mackerel,	9 26	1 stove back,	95
29 lbs. soda,	3 25	Paid John Bean,	1 98
53 yds. B. Drilling,	19 30	Paid Dudley Harriman pas-	
66 yds. print,	7 13	turing,	20 00
96 yds. sheeting,	17 96	4 ox goads,	40
4 yds. silicia,	92	1 ox chain,	1 25
4 yds. webbing,	1 00	6 combs,	60
1 straw tick,	2 00	2 knives,	53
2 bed quilts,	1 60	4 lbs. candles,	72
3 sticks braid,	24	3 files,	65
3 pr. overalls,	3 00	1 padlock,	35
5 pr. boots,	21 00	1 bottle oil,	35
6 pr. shoes,	12 50	1 cow,	40 00
12 hanks linen thread,	70	Paid George Ordway, differ-	
15 spool cotton,	75	ence in sleighs,	10 00
2 sks. cotton yarn,	20	5 hats,	1 67
15 doz. buttons,	60	Paid Floyd, meadow hay,	10 00
Paid Bartlett, mending shoes,	3 35	1 cart,	30
2 pr. taps,	80	Paid Charles Ela, sundry	
1 bush. clams,	1 00	times,	4 30
4 lbs. harness leather,	1 00	Medicine,	8 27
2 ox bows,	25	2 scythes,	2 75
13 lbs. nails,	82	2 hay forks,	2 00
25 lbs tobacco,	20 45	1 shovel,	1 75
$\frac{3}{4}$ gross matches,	1 50	1 rake,	75
5 baskets,	1 95	5 hand rakes,	1 50
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. alum.	20	Paid Raymond tax,	6 27
11 panes glass and 2 lbs. putty,	1 00	1 churn,	9 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ bush. onions,	1 26	Repairs on wagon,	2 00
1 stone pot,	1 30	Blacksmith bill to James	
1 butter pot,	1 25	Hackett,	10 79
Crackers,	4 35	3 balls wicking,	27
4 lbs. raisins,	72	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ gals. oil,	3 62
14 plates,	1 35	4 boxes mustard,	30
3 bowls,	50	1 coat,	3 78

3 dishes,	63	16 bush. plaster,	6 40
1 bush. h. g. seed,	3 50	Paid for sawing lumber,	3 53
29 lbs. clover seed,	5 40	Tin ware, &c.,	5 33
1 hogshead,	50	Paid mending steam pipe,	58
Pins and needles,	70	1 broom,	50
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. beeswax,	95	Paid Prescott, manufactur-	
Writing paper,	30	ing cloth,	11 99
$4\frac{1}{2}$ bush. rock salt,	3 90	Paid for pump,	9 50
5 boxes fine salt,	2 00	Paid 1 chamber,	1 25
$3\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. paint,	1 93	4 lbs. raisins,	20
51 lbs. halibut,	4 70	Superintendent's salary,	250 00
8 lbs. rice,	1 00		
1 lb. ginger,	45		<u>\$1,053 86</u>

TOWN OF EPPING TO GEO. H. GOTHAM FROM FEB. 14,
1868, TO FEB. 16, 1869. CR.

4 calves,	\$36 00	7364 ft. pine lumber,	80 00
6 lambs,	17 00	$\frac{1}{2}$ m. shingle,	1 50
4 pigs,	13 00	Cash for labor,	18 00
103 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. poultry,	20 99	do do	5 50
12 bbls. apples,	35 00	Keeping peddler,	5 33
4 bush. apples,	2 00	Cash at sundry times,	495 00
58 lbs. cow hide,	5 80	Cash to balance,	283 43
83 lbs. cheese,	14 68		
27 lbs butter,	11 46		<u>\$1,053 86</u>
36 doz. eggs,	9 17		

Settled and balanced all accounts to this date.

JOHN H. PIKE, } Selectmen
MARTIN V. FOGG, } of
GEO. S. RUNDLETT, } Epping.

GEO. H. GOTHAM, Superintendent at the Alms House.
Epping, Feb. 20, 1869.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

The undersigned have examined the Selectmen's book accounts from the 21st of February last to date, and compared them with their vouchers and find them correct. Have examined the Selectmen's report prepared to be published in detail, and it agrees with their book accounts. Have also, with the Selectmen, carefully examined the book containing the schedule of notes held against the town from which we have calculated the debt as follows:

Schedule of notes amounting to,	\$37,443 00
Estimated interest,	2,500 00
Outstanding claims,	200 00
	\$40,143 00
In hands of collector and treasurer,	2,680 88

Amount of debt,	\$37,462 12
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We have examined the Selectmen's accounts with the Superintendent of the Poor Farm; they represent that the bills have all been paid, with the Superintendent's salary, and a net profit of fifty-three dollars and forty-one cents, as follows:

Received from the county,	\$786 47
Sold from the farm and labor,	300 43
Increase of personal property in appraisal,	20 37

Making,	\$1,107 27
Amount expended,	1,053 86

Net earnings,	\$53 41
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THOMAS FOLSOM,	}	Auditors.
J. C. PLUMER,		

Epping, Feb. 20, 1869.

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Citizens of Epping:

The Superintending School Committee for the year 1868 respectfully submits the following report:

Amount of money appropriated for common schools by the town,	\$967 09
Literary fund,	224 93

Which was divided as follows:

District No. 1,	\$195 60
“ “ 2,	106 28
“ “ 3,	86 90
“ “ 4,	114 55
“ “ 5,	161 41
“ “ 6,	144 48
“ “ 7,	144 83
“ “ 8,	237 87

In the First District, the teacher was earnest, faithful and thorough in her instruction. The school was frequently visited, and the larger or higher classes were often examined in the various branches they were pursuing. They usually answered promptly and correctly, showing not merely a routine knowledge, but a clear and definite understanding of principle.

In the Second, Third and Fourth Districts, the schools were small, consequently there was not so much interest and enthusiasm among the scholars; still their examinations exhibited a very fair degree of progress.

The Fifth District labors under the disadvantage of a room too small for the number of scholars, yet under the energetic and persistent efforts of a good teacher, there was a commendable degree of proficiency.

In the Sixth District, there was a well-governed and thoroughly-taught school as any in town.

The teacher first employed in the Seventh District was obliged to leave on account of ill health. The Prudential Committee was fortunate in securing the services of an able and experienced instructress, under whose charge there was satisfactory improvement.

In the Eighth District, the most prominent characteristic was its thorough discipline. The closing examination showed that the scholars had well remembered the lessons they had learned.

Number of District.		Terms of summer and winter school.	Names of teachers.	Whole No. of scholars.	Average attendance.	No. between 4 and 14 not attending.	Instances of tardiness.	Instances of dismissal.	No. not absent half a day.	Wages per month, including board.	Length of schools in weeks.	Whole No. of different scholars.
1	1st	Rebecca S. Thyng.	41	34+	6	24	37	11	28	9	48	
	2d	do.	41	34		102	28	11	28	15		
2	1st	Annie S. Gile.	9	8+		4	5	2	21	8	11	
	2d	do.	10	8	1	6	5	2	21	10		
3	1st	Jane E. Tilton.	10	7+	5	12	10	1	16	8	16	
	2d	Laura E. Cook.	10	6+		8		1	16	16		
4	1st	Nellie P. Newhall.	19	15+	6	44	25	6	24	9	22	
	2d	do.	19	16+	6	39	21	7	24	8		
5	1st	C. Millie Comings.	39	34+	5	29	3	6	28	8	48	
	2d	do.	45	35+	5	41	4	5	30	13		
6	1st	Sarah E. Chase.	22	19+	2	0	11	7	24	9	26	
	2d	do.	22	16+	2	7	19	5	24	15		
7	1st	Mattie F. Scribner	37	31		33	4	6	26	9	47	
	2d	do.	45	31		71		1	26	17		
8	1st	Julia A. G. Scribner	60	40		70	34	5	32	14	67	
	2d	do.	47	38		40	37	6	32	10		

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following named scholars were neither absent, tardy nor dismissed during the term:

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Annah L. Barber.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Abbie Chase, Ida Dow, Fannie Dow, Marianna Pinkham, Charles Chase, Frank Dow, Sanborn Pinkham.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Sarah P. Ladd, Nellie J. Burnham, Etta L. Towle, Laura P. Leach, Nannie J. Dearborn, Emma J. Fogg, Julia Ann Lally, Emma J. Bartlett.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Joseph T. Stevens, A. Frank Blake, Daniel H. Thurston, Roland N. Thurston, Katie A. Buzzell, Nellie McNeal, Sarah P. Blake, Silas G. Clifford, Caddie E. Clifford.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Emma Webb, Emma Johnson, Mary Thompson, Miranda Fogg, Mary Abbie Fogg, Marietta Fogg, Carrie McMurphy, Maggie Donovan, Jay Thompson, George B. Brown, Willie Norris, Charlie Norris, Georgie Rogers, James Dee, Freddie McMurphy, Johnnie McMurphy, Eugene McMurphy, were not absent before vacation.

Miranda Fogg, Cora Fogg, Marietta Fogg, Lizzie Leonard, Nora Leonard, Jay Thompson, Georgie Rogers, James Dee, Willie Norris, Charlie Norris, were not absent after vacation.

You have this year, in addition to the literary fund, raised and expended the sum of \$967 09, for the support of your town schools; do they give you "credit" for such a generous outlay? Have you made a certain, safe and actual investment of this sum, which will in the future yield you a handsome per centage annually, or has it been expended in discharging some incidental expenditures for which you have little or nothing to show? Will you for a moment consider these questions and ascertain whether or not, fully one third at least of this sum, has been actually thrown away? Look at the reports of your teachers as embodied in the preceding table, and see what answers you obtain.—The whole number of scholars reported attending school during both summer and winter terms, is four hundred and seventy-six. The average attendance is three hundred and seventy-two, nearly one-fourth less; so about one-fourth of all the scholars in town were absent from our schools. In addition to this, there are five hundred and thirty instances of tardiness, and two hundred and forty-three instances of dismissal. These facts, taken in connection with that general indifference, and almost total apathy manifested by most of the parents in not visiting the schools, and otherwise affording that moral support and encouragement due a teacher, clearly demonstrates that at least, one-third of your money is needlessly lost. Irregularity of attendance is *the* great evil of the schools of this town. Not only the

scholar who is absent suffers, but an injury is inflicted upon the whole school. The remedy is with guardians and parents; will they apply it, or shall your schools continue to endure this great impediment to their advancement? Some of you will go a long distance to attend a "Fair" and are often exceedingly interested in examining what are termed "fine specimens of stock;" will closely scrutinize a well developed ox, and go into ecstasies over horse trots; how many go to the place where their children acquire the rudiments of that education and those habits of application which are calculated to fit them for the responsible duties of life. All the efforts of your best teachers to form correctly the mind and heart of your children, will be comparatively lost unless met by corresponding efforts on your part.

The school houses in Districts Nos. 2 and 4 are antiquated, and in No. 5 too small to accommodate the scholars. The residents in said districts are doubtless aware of these facts. It is sincerely hoped that the time is not far distant, when they will be exchanged for houses more comfortable and convenient. Most of our school houses are poorly supplied with apparatus or furniture, a globe, a set of out-line maps, a dictionary, and black boards enough to accommodate the largest class, should be in every school room. A very small amount of money would procure these necessities, and it would repay the district four-fold.

There is no necessity for a continual change of school books; uniformity however is desirable. There were four different text-books in geography in some of our school districts, thus requiring as many different classes. Guyot's series of geography have been introduced the past year, and are now used throughout the town.

It is obvious to every one of ordinary intelligence, that it is for the interest of Districts Nos. 1 and 8 to unite and form a graded school.—A union can be effected by a vote of the respective districts, and it does not necessarily require any additional expense, since one school room can be used for the primary, and the other for the higher school. Will not the legal voters of these districts consult their interests, and allow the scholars the benefit of a graded school?

Prudential committees should call their school meetings as early as the law will admit, in order to give their successors an opportunity to secure the best teachers—and none but the best should be employed. Good teachers hardly ever apply for a school; they are usually known and secured early; and the committee who waits for an application will very likely get an ordinary or poor teacher.

None but your best men should be elected to the office of Prudential Committee; those who are competent and will discharge their duties according to law, Chap. 81, Sec. 15 of the General Statutes of N. H.—"Every teacher, at the close of his school and at the end of each term thereof, shall make a return of such register or record to the School Committee of the town, who shall give to him a certificate thereof; and no teacher shall receive payment for his services until such certificate is produced and delivered to the Prudential Committee."

H. B. BURNHAM, Superintending School Committee.

Epping, Feb. 24, 1869.



A. QUIMBY,
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